

Dr. A. G. MENON.

I had sent in certain questions about the Ayurvedic Dispensary. I do not know whether they have been admitted, and if so, whether they will be properly answered in this meeting.

President.—What are those questions?

Dr. A. G. MENON.

I had sent in one more question. I don't know whether it has been admitted. There would be no objection. No reply has been given to that question. Then I shall resume my right to ask supplementary questions when the answer for this question is given to this House.

President.—It is not possible to answer all the questions. It is open to the President under Rule 9 to extend the period of time for answering a question.

Dr. A. R. MENON.

There is a belief that questions are held back. Certain questions are taken up while others are not taken up.

Mr. T. K. KRISHNA MENON.

I am sorry for the remark.

Dr. A. R. MENON.

I am simply explaining the belief that exists in the minds of members. Yesterday, only some resolutions were taken up, and I believe others were not brought up properly.

President.—Probably, the Government were not able to get the necessary materials for the answer. Yes, I will consider the matter.

Excise Revenue.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

61. Will the Government be pleased to state:

- (a) the yearly Excise Revenue from 1915;
- (b) the total annual consumption of drink and drugs in the State during the period;
- (c) the total number of liquor shops in each year in the State from 1914 to 1915 and of which how many are foreign liquor, toddy and arrack shops; and
- (d) the number of trees tapped every year in the State for fermented and sweet toddy from 1914—1915?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

The information asked for is given in the two statements appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

May I know the reason for the increase of foreign liquor shops from 30 to 43 from 1099 to 1100?

President.—I think you refer to 1924 to 1925. Please see your question? 61 clause (c). The answer is given in the Appendix. You mean 1925, is it not? It is not a misprint.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

Has there been an increase of shops from 30 to 43 from 1099 to 1100? If so, is there any special reason?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

Is it a supplementary question?

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON.

It is not. The member could have asked it if the question is whether they are not increasing the number of shops. Now the question is simply to know the total number of liquor shops in each year.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

The question has been answered. I ask the reason.

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

Reasons are not illustrations of facts.

President.—Have you asked for reasons anywhere in your question? Page 20, *Appendix IV*, No. 1—1099—1100—30 to 43 liquor shops. So you ask whether these shops are for the year 1924 to 1925?

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

I just ask for some information.

President.—Is it by way of elucidating a matter of fact? Is it not a question independent of the matter?

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

It is based on the answer given.

President.—Will it arise from the answer given?

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

It is just for the sake of elucidating it.

President.—If there is anything indefinite in the answer given, you are entitled to ask.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

I ask just for the sake of elucidating facts given in the answer.

President.—You can put another question, and not a supplementary question like this.

The removal of liquor shops from Kunnampulam Town limits.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

62. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) Whether the Government has received any petition or representation to remove all liquor shops from within Kunnampulam Town limits; and if the answer is in the affirmative,

(b) How many have been received within the last one year, and whether the Government has taken any action in removing the shops from the area, and if not, why?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

(a) Yes.

(b) Two representations were received within the last one year, and no action was taken on them. The reasons that weighed with the Government in doing so have been already explained in connection with a similar question put in the last session of the Legislative Council in respect of the Trichur Municipality; vide answer to Q. No. 49 (v).

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

Has the Government got any data to hold that there are a host of consumers at Kunnampulam, and if so, what are they?

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH.

That arises from the answer to question No. 49.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

Whether there is any data to hold that there are a host of consumers, and if so, what are they?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

Where do you see it stated that there are a host of consumers?

President.—I do not see how it arises from the answer to question No. 49 of the budget session. Now, we are concerned with question No. 62 part (b) and not with question No. 49 (v) of the last session, and besides, there, you see, that answer has no reference to the facts. (*Hear, hear.*)

“Government considers that it is neither worth while nor necessary to go into the reasons by which arrack and toddy

APPENDIX IV. No. 1.
(Vide Answer to Question No. 61).

Year	Excise Revenue	Consumption			No. of shops		
		Arrack Proof gallons	Opium Seers	Ganja Seers	Toddy	Arrack	Foreign liquor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Rs.						
1090	12,53,106	31,083.25	2,151	1,057	753	295	30
1091	13,22,930	32,931.05	2,290	1,581	753	296	23
1092	12,28,530	37,231.95	1,583	1,235	574	293	22
1093	16,98,833	33,882.2	1,410	1,091	546	287	23
1094	14,92,272	40,128.55	1,428	1,181	526	283	29
1095	18,19,433	65,519.65	2,004	845	511	270	33
1096	19,39,221	39,554.86	2,005	1,215	489	261	39
1097	22,95,120	38,454.90	2,471	680	481	257	40
1098	23,30,535	41,108.98	2,320	865	470	251	40
1099*	19,34,895	40,493.53	2,380	865	465	251	30
1100	31,07,178	33,274.80	2,000	680	457	251	43

Excise Revenue includes revenue from "Salt", "Customs", "Abkari", "Opium", "Ganja" and "Tobacco".

* The moiety of the Customs Revenue due to the Darbar under the Interportal Trade Convention was not received during the year as anticipated, but only in 1100.

No. 2.

Statement showing the number of trees tapped in the State for fermented and sweet toddy from 1090.

Year	For fermented toddy			Total	For sweet toddy			Total	* Remarks
	Cocoa-nut	Palm-ya	Sago		Cocoa-nut	Palmyra	Sago		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
(a)									
1090	10,615	6,305	2,717	19,637	...	...	...	26,824	
1091	9,430	5,958	2,495	17,883	...	...	...	26,610	
1092	44,510	6,633	4,962	56,105	...	...	...	26,777	
1093	49,085	6,875	5,108	61,068	...	...	...	25,131	
1094	45,938	6,989	4,696	57,623	...	...	...	23,087	
1095	51,553	7,635	5,161	64,349	8,378	10,501	6,642	25,521	
1096	53,620	7,548	3,372	66,540	8,795	11,828	7,259	27,882	
1097	51,743	7,315	5,309	64,367	8,595	10,700	7,582	26,877	
1098	47,474	8,707	4,698	60,879	7,490	5,919	7,991	21,400	
1099	46,043	7,921	4,431	58,395	6,258	7,729	8,211	22,198	
1100	62,299	8,117	4,780	(b) 75,196	6,193	8,480	7,687	22,360	

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- (a) In the years 1090 and 1091 the southern taluks of the State were under the monopoly farming system, and no figures of trees tapped by the farmers of the southern taluks are available. The figures mentioned in this statement for 1090 and 1091 show the trees tapped in the northern taluks only. From 1092 onwards the farming system was done away with, and the tree-tax system introduced in the southern taluks as well.
- (b) The increase in the number of trees tapped for fermented toddy in 1100 is not a real increase. It is due to the licensing of trees in the southern taluks for half-yearly periods from 1100 onwards unlike those of the previous years.

* The particulars of trees licensed for sweet toddy from 1090 to 1094 are not available since the T. T. registers concerned have been destroyed under the rules. The total number of trees have been noted from the Administration Reports of those years.

APPENDIX V.

(Vide Answer to question No. 66)

Statement showing the number of suits filed and disposed of in the Ernakulam Munsiff's Court, under sections 22 & 23—25, 30 & 31 and 32 of the Cochin Tenancy Regulation.

Year	Total No. of suits filed under sections 22 & 23	Total No. of suits filed under sections 25, 30 & 31	Total No. of suits filed under section 32	Total No. of suits disposed of	No. of suits in which land-lords succeeded	No. of suits in which tenants succeeded.
1090	14	...	10	24	21	3
1091	6	...	6	12	9	3
1092	4	...	5	9	9	...
1093	6	...	6	12	9	3
1094	12	...	9	21	20	1
1095	9	...	11	20	17	3
1096	6	...	1	7	6	1
1097	7	...	...	7	7	...
1098	3	...	7	10	9	12
1099	6	...	...	6	4	...
1100	7	...	10	17	15	2
Total	80	...	65	145	126	19